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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FRASER, MALCOLM)

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: CANBERRA 2834

1. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE YOU A FINAL ANSWER ON GETTING PRIME MINISTER FRASER AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER DURING THE LATE MAY - EARLY JUNE TIMEFRAME, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE NOT GOOD. THE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR IS ALREADY FULL, AND THERE IS AN UNUSUALLY LONG LIST OF DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN VISITORS IN ADDITION TO FRASER WITH REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS. THIS RESULTS FROM THE NUMEROUS HEADS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS WHO PLAN TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AS WELL AS THE NATO MEETING.

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2. I WAS INFORMED OF FRASER'S DESIRE TO MEET THE PRESIDENT BY AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK AND SO HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN YOUR TELEGRAM ARRIVED. I HAVE USED YOUR TALK WITH FRASER AS REINFORCEMENT.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM FRASER THAT PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS VERY FULL BUT THAT WE HAVE HIS REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION,

ALONG WITH THOSE OF NUMEROUS OTHER HIGH LEVEL VISITORS
WHO WILL BE IN THE U.S. DURING THE SAME PERIOD. WE WILL
BE IN TOUCH AGAIN AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE. I AM
PASSING THE SAME MESSAGE TO ALAN RENOUF HERE. CHRISTOPHER

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